

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Torn** - We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time. But in our lives torn by conflicting interests, how do we make time for God?

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course, there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So, had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.



**PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>  
 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
 Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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### 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 – 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

[29<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 17 Oct.	6.00 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Elaine Smith (Duffield) Sick & Housebound of the Parish The People of the Parish
Sun. 18 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 19 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	P. Mealy's Ints.
Tues. 20 Oct.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 21 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	The Sick Covid-19
Thurs. 22 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	The Sick Covid-19
Fri. 23 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	NHS Staff
Sat. 24 Oct.	-	Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 25 Oct.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Thelma Jones (Kendall) Holy Souls The People of the Parish

**Anniversaries this week:** Monica Hodac, James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson, Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**MASS LIVE STREAM** – Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**,

Or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick & Housebound** [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Teresa Kendall, Greta Cummings.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £227.50 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. Grateful thanks also for your offerings by Standing Order/Direct Debit in September amounting to £1137.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits scheme; with this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will just be based on your total annual contribution. Let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**130 Club Draw for September 2020** – Quarterly Prize £75 – Ticket No. 114, Diane Rosi; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 77, Liam Dunne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 91, Collette Barrow-Nessian; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 79, Catherine Perkins; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 180, Francis Crowley; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 130, Sheila Goldner.



**Newsletter by Email** – Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

**Today is World Mission Sunday** – World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. There is a retiring collection at the end of Mass. Alternatively, you can call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

[www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**Confirmation 2020** – Bishop Alan will be here on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6.00pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates who have been preparing for some time now. The original date was in July but lockdown knocked that out. Please keep them in your prayers and remember that the Mass of Confirmation will be live streamed in the usual way.

**Family Fast Day** – Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day last week. **Our parish raised £271.00** which means more poor families around the world will receive life-changing support. Thank you for your generosity.

**One World Week 2020: It's Our World, Let's Make it Better: 18th-25th October** - One of the causes of suffering and poverty is greed. We must share our resources and respect people everywhere. That of course also means valuing the planet and all the life forms that sustain us. Use this week to think about one significant way in which we could make the world a better place.

**Disarmament Week, October 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** - The United Nations' Disarmament Week, observed between October 24 and October 30, was established in 1978. It begins on October 24, the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, now observed as United Nations Day. Observance revolves around raising public awareness of the dangers of the arms race and the need for international disarmament. (*Christian network of CAAT (Campaign Against the Arms Trade) [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk)*)

**Bitesize** – “Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.” ~Dean Koontz

**On World Mission Day we are asked to pray for the spread of the Gospel:**

*“O God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, look upon your abundant harvest and be pleased to send workers to gather it, that the Gospel may be preached to all creation and that your people, gathered by the word of life and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the path of salvation and love.” [Roman Missal]*